

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
January 4, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 4, 1926, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks Smith, Fitzhugh and Deininger. Absent: Torrance.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of December 9, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of December 12, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of December 24, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of December 26, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of an adjourned, regular meeting of December 28, 1925, were read and approved as read.

A letter from Mayer Cryer of Los Angeles regarding telephone rates and asking that a representative be appointed to attend an organization meeting to be held at the Alexandria ballroom January 12, was read.

Trustee Smith moved that the Chairman appoint a committee of one to attend and report this meeting. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

President Deininger appointed Trustee Fitzhugh as representative from Torrance.

The Clerk was instructed to answer the letter from the Los Angeles County free library which asked that the City enter into a lease with the County and the owners of the library building for a term of four or five years, to the effect that the City would consider entering into a lease for two years with the possible renewal of same for two more.

The letter from the Torrance Brick Co. regarding the use of their wares for the new proposed addition to the Firehouse, was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Smith and a majority vote.

Mr. Lewis made a short talk concerning their products.

In the matter of exchanging the 4 1/2 acres of the sewer farm as promulgated by J. C. Smith, Trustee Brooks reported for the committee that they had had three men make a valuation of the 4 1/2 acre tract. The appraisers valued the land at \$2000.00 per acre; and it is the consensus of opinion of the committee that the proposed exchange would not be equitable to the City.

Trustee Brooks suggested that Mr. Smith and City Attorney Briney get together and see if some sort of lease could not be worked out.

Trustee Brooks reported that the street work was progressing satisfactorily, also stated that he thought an employee of the City should be paid by the City for the first 7 days of his incapacity after injury in the service of the City, and that he had authorized such payment to the last man injured.

The Board concurred with Trustee Brooks' ideas.

The Clerk reported building permits for December amounting to \$9375.00 and for the Recorder: criminal case fines \$554.00 and civil cases \$30.50.

Attorney Briney reported that he had received the map from the Bureau of Mines showing the location of all oil wells in the City, but thought it would be better to regulate the razing of abandoned derricks by declaring them a fire menace.

Engineer Jessup reported that he had the sign question up with the Auto Club regarding signs at Western and Border, and the zoning of Redondo Blvd. was under way.

Supt. Gascoigne reported that limbs of trees along El Prado near the bridge and on Carson between Border and Western were in the habit of blowing down and obstructing the roads during high winds.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported from the budget as follows:

	Under drawn	Over drawn
General Govt., for 5 months	2284.00	
Health & Sanitation "	632.	
Prot. of Life & Prop. "		376.00
Street Dept. "		3450.
Park Dept. "		990.

Making a total of \$1990.00 behind for 5 months.

Trustee Smith moved that Chas. W. Newby be employed as Ass't Police Desk Sergeant and Engineer of Fire Dept. at a salary of \$175.00 per month, effective as of January 1, 1926; that, as soon as he is familiar with the work, is to get the same salary as Mr. Stevenson. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Torrance.

Trustee Smith moved that the Clerk be authorized to notify the Edison Co. that all lights not now burning be put back on again. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Torrance.

Trustee Smith introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 128
Traffic ordinance

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 126A

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CERTAIN TERRITORY, TO BE KNOWN AS NORTHWEST TORRANCE, ON THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1926, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF ANNEXING SAID TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR SAID ELECTION

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 126 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Torrence

On the suggestion of President Deininger, Engineer Jessup is to lay out some plans for sewer laterals to connect the City and territory west of the City with Metropolitan Sewer mains as they might be willing to do the work on same. Mr Jessup was also to confer with the Water Co. regarding the placing of risers for hydrants in the new district.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Boulevard stop sign posts, etc, be painted in black and white, diagonally, to conform to the general rule. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Torrence.

Trustee Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Torrence.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A. H. Briney
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

R. J. Deininger
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.